



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 575**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE  
TO STUDY DAY PROGRAM SERVICES OFFERED THROUGH THE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study all day program options provided by the Department of  
3 Developmental Services, including, but not limited to, sheltered  
4 workshops and any other program providing day services to persons  
5 with developmental disabilities. Such study shall include, but not be  
6 limited to, an examination of (1) the delivery of existing day program  
7 services; (2) funding streams, both public and private, that successfully  
8 finance existing day program services; (3) methodologies for the  
9 reporting of reimbursements; and (4) competitive salary rates paid  
10 under such programs and the methodologies used to determine such  
11 salary rates.

12 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

13 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
14 one of whom is a representative from the Connecticut Association of  
15 Nonprofits and one of whom shall be a representative from the  
16 Connecticut Community Providers Association;

17 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, both

18 of whom shall be parents or legal guardians of persons with  
19 developmental disabilities who receive day program services;

20 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
21 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a labor organization  
22 whose members provide day program services;

23 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
24 a person who receives day program services from a publicly funded  
25 day program;

26 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
27 Representatives, who shall be a person who receives day program  
28 services from a privately funded day program;

29 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
30 a representative from The Arc of Connecticut;

31 (7) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
32 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health;

33 (8) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the  
34 commissioner's designee;

35 (9) Two persons appointed by the Governor one of whom shall be a  
36 representative from FORConn and one of whom shall be a  
37 representative from People First of Connecticut; and

38 (10) A representative of the Bureau of Rehabilitative Services  
39 appointed by the Commissioner of Social Services.

40 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than  
41 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
42 filled by the appointing authority.

43 (d) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, and the house  
44 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
45 having cognizance of matters relating to public health shall serve as

46 the chairpersons of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the  
 47 first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later than thirty  
 48 days after the effective date of this section. Thereafter the task force  
 49 shall meet at least on a monthly basis. The task force shall schedule  
 50 public hearings as necessary to elicit public commentary from persons  
 51 around the state.

52 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
 53 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
 54 health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

55 (f) Not later than July 1, 2009, the task force shall report on its  
 56 findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the  
 57 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
 58 health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
 59 general statutes. Such report shall include recommendations from the  
 60 task force on methods that the Department of Developmental Services  
 61 might employ to provide improved and more fiscally responsible day  
 62 program services and shall also include recommendations concerning  
 63 the existing sheltered workshops. The task force shall terminate on the  
 64 date that it submits such report or July 1, 2009, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**PH** Joint Favorable Subst.